

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Pothan Vallikalam
DOCKET NO.: 05-21738.001-C-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-29-418-022-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Pothan Vallikalam, the appellant; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is a vacant parcel containing 23,100 square feet located at Franklin Park, Leyden Township, Cook County.

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. In support of this overvaluation argument the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$325,000 as of March 10, 2006. The appellant also submitted a settlement statement disclosing he purchased the subject property in May 2004 for a price of \$310,000. The appellant further provided documentation disclosing the subject property was classified as a class 1-00 vacant land under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance and that has a 22% level of assessments. The appellant also submitted a copy of the final decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review establishing a total assessment for the subject of \$68,568, which reflects a market value of approximately \$311,670 using the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessments for class 1-00 property of 22%. Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$32,500.

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	68,568
IMPR.:	\$	0
TOTAL:	\$	68,568

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds the evidence in the record does not support a reduction in the subject's assessment.

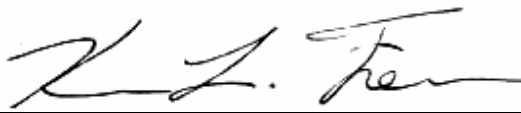
The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002). The Board finds the appellant has not met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellant in this appeal submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$325,000 as of March 10, 2006. The appellant also provided a closing statement disclosing the subject property was purchased in May 2004 for a price of \$310,000. The subject property had a total assessment in 2005 of \$68,568 reflecting a market value of approximately \$311,670 using the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessments for class 1-00 property of 22%. The subject's assessment reflects a market value that is supported by both the purchase price and the appraisal submitted by the appellant. Based on this record the Board finds the assessment of the subject property established by the board of review is correct and a reduction is not warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: February 29, 2008



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for

the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.